

TAT SPEAKS OUT

His Annual Message to Congress
Delivered Today.

Document Not as Lengthy as
Similar Ones Before.

OMITS BIG QUESTIONS.

Such as Anti-Trust, Interstate
Commerce and Conservation.

But These Will Be Handled in
Communications Later.

FOR CIVIL PENSIONS.

President Thinks They Will
Benefit Government Service.

Economy in Expenditures
Strikes Him as Most Important.

President Taft's message to congress, which is printed in full elsewhere in this issue of the State Journal, is a voluminous document comprising some sixteen thousand words. Nearly half of it is devoted to a detailed report of the activities of the department of state since the beginning of the Taft administration. President Taft explains the devotion of so much space to state affairs by statute that there is no provision for the secretary of state to the president or to congress, and a presidential message is the only means by which the conditions of our foreign relations can be brought to the attention of congress and to the public.

Except as to the relations between this government and Nicaragua. It is pointed out by the president that the United States is on a most friendly footing with all of the other nations of the earth.

As to Nicaragua. Concerning the difficulties with Nicaragua President Taft says: "Since the Washington conventions of 1907 were concluded, the United States as a consulting and advising party, this government has been almost continuously called upon by one or another, and in turn by all of the five Central American republics, to exert itself for the maintenance of the conventions. Nearly every complaint has been against the Yeliza government of Nicaragua, which has kept Central America in constant tension and turmoil."

He says that the efforts of the government to promote peace have been appreciated by a majority of these countries who are loyal to their true interests, and that it is unnecessary to rehearse the tale of unprovoked barbarities and oppression alleged to have been committed by the Yeliza government. Continuing, the president says: "Recently two Americans were put to death by the president of Nicaragua himself. They were officers in the organized forces of a revolution which had continued many weeks and in control of about half of the republic, and as such, according to the modern enlightened practice of civilized nations, they were entitled to be dealt with as prisoners of war. The president then tells of the termination of diplomatic relations with the Yeliza government and of his intentions to take such steps as may be found to be consistent with this government's dignity in protecting American interests in Nicaragua, and he says it may be necessary for him to bring this subject to the attention of congress in a special message. He advocates legislation which will permit of the reorganization of the state department along the lines suggested by Secretary Knox, which were made public the other day.

Economy Urged. President Taft insists that the most important question presented to the administration is the economy in expenditures and sufficient revenue. He says that on June 30, 1910, the ordinary expenditures will exceed the revenue by \$4,075,630. If the \$38,000,000 which has been expended during the year for the Panama canal, and the \$1,000,000 to be paid on the public debt, is added to this sum, it will make a total deficit of \$7,075,630. He points out that the Panama canal expenditures will be met by bond issues and that it is now expected that the total cost of the canal will be \$37,500,000. He says that under his direction the pension has been reduced for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911, are less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year by \$42,818,000. This, with the pension reduction during that period and excluding the Panama canal work, will leave a surplus in the treasury of \$36,991,000 on that date. He tells congress that the estimates have been cut to the quick and that a further paring down of them by congress will result in seriously hampering the proper administration of the departments. He believes that much economy in government administration can be obtained by a reorganization of the clerical forces of the government, a reclassification of the kind of work they do, so that it will be possible for clerks of high ability to receive more compensation than others; and the elimination from the government service of those who are inefficient from any cause, and as the degree of efficiency in all departments is much lessened by the retention of all the employees who have cultivated their usefulness to the government, it is impossible to make such provision unless there is adopted a plan of civil pensions."

Sugar Trust Frauds. The president states that the sugar trust frauds are to be probed to the very bottom; that the department of justice and the treasury department are exerting every effort to discover the wrong doers in connection with them, including officers and employees of the companies who may have been privy to the fraud. He also states that investigation of these frauds by congress at present pending the probing going on by the departments of justice and

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Street Car Service Is Restored
This Morning.

After a night of wind and snow Topeka people awoke shivering in a temperature of 1 degree above zero. It was again the coldest weather of the year. This temperature prevailed at 7 and again at 8 o'clock this morning. Shortly after 8 o'clock the temperature began to rise slowly.

And there is the promise of the weather man that the temperature tomorrow will be much more to the liking of the average citizen than it is the case today. The storm of yesterday was caused by the combination of an area of high barometer in the north-west acting in conjunction with an area of low barometric pressure in New Mexico. The axis of the cold weather is west of the Rocky Mountains and seems to be moving toward the south Atlantic states. It is expected to be past Topeka and this section of the country by tomorrow. Last night the thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero at Miles City, Montana. At Bismarck, North Dakota, the lowest temperature recorded last night was 10 below zero and in South Dakota the temperature fell to zero. The zero weather line, however, is moving north rapidly today.

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HEARING THE MESSAGE.

Great Interest Manifested by Both
Democrats and Republicans.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The first annual session of President Taft's cabinet presented in both houses of congress by Assistant Secretary Latta and in both houses was received shortly after 12 o'clock.

In the senate when the reading of the message began at 12:12 p. m. great interest was manifested by both Republicans and Democrats.

There was a full attendance of senators on the floor of the chamber and as soon as copies of the document had been furnished to them they riveted their attention upon the printed pages. While the secretary of the senate read the president's words, many senators hastened over the pamphlet hunting for subjects in which they were especially interested. Others proceeded in the more orderly way of following the reading from the desk.

The portions of the message which attracted most attention were those relating to the complication with Nicaragua, the minution of public expenditures, the custom house frauds and the tariff.

The one phrase which attracted most attention was found in connection with the president's treatment of the Yeliza government of Nicaragua, "the sale of unseizable barbarities."

At 1:40 p. m. the reading of the message was concluded in the house and that body adjourned until Friday.

BOY THIEVES CAUGHT.

der arrest belong to a gang of juvenile
Last Night.

Harvey and Ray Slusser, aged 22 and 17 years, respectively, were arrested today by Detectives Lawson and Fowler on the charge of burglarizing the Estep store at the corner of Emmett and Seward avenues last night. Ray Slusser has confessed to the robbery and according to his cousin assisted him. The elder Slusser boy denies all knowledge of the affair.

The stolen goods were found in the Slusser barn at the Slusser residence on Twiss avenue, in Oakland. They amount to a small wagon load, and consist of dress goods and patterns, tobacco and cigars, combs, shoes and overcoats, sardines, chewing gum and men's clothing. The value of the stolen stuff is estimated at \$100.

The robbery was discovered this morning and Lawson and Fowler were notified. The boys were arrested at noon. According to Ray Slusser the robbery occurred between midnight and 1 o'clock.

Twice arrested, the two boys now Robbed Oakland Store During Storm. They will be questioned by the officers later in the effort to uncover more of their work.

LANE IS REAPPOINTED

Taft Sends About 1,200 Nominations
to Senate for Approval.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Taft today sent to the senate a list of about 1,200 nominations to federal offices. Practically all are recess appointments that have been announced from time to time as vacancies were greater part of the list is made up of postmasters in the smaller cities and census supervisors.

One of the important new appointments is that of the reappointment of Franklin Lane as a member of the Interstate Commerce commission. Sanford B. Dole, former president of the Hawaiian islands, has been named as United States judge for the territory of Hawaii.

CARNEGIE'S PROTEGE.

Millionaire Gives \$5,000 for Education
of Boy Planist.

Pittsburg, Dec. 7.—Dennis Chabot, a Belgian boy pianist, who is possessed of remarkable talent, has been given a \$5,000 annual scholarship and all arrangements were made for him to continue his studies in Europe. The boy was the beneficiary before he sailed January 1.

LONG LIFE IN CANDY.

Constant Consumer Lives to Be 103
Years Old.

Washington, N. J., Dec. 7.—Plenty of peppermint candy is the recipe for longevity given by John Klipp, who has just celebrated his 103rd birthday here. Mr. Klipp, who is still active in body and mind despite his advanced age, attributes his long and excellent health to the fact that he has used tobacco and intoxicants sparingly, has eaten little meat, but has consumed a quantity of peppermint candy at every meal and for his benefactor before he sails January 1.

TRIED 3 WAYS TO DIE.

Salesman Out of a Job Finally
Drowned Himself.

New York, Dec. 7.—Charles Schaeffer, a salesman out of employment, took three methods of suicide today before he succeeded in killing himself.

He first tried to jump from his home and tried to garrote himself with a towel. Unsuccessful, he slit his throat and wrists with a razor. Still death did not come, and Schaeffer staggered to the bath room and turned on the water in the tub. When the tub was half filled, Schaeffer climbed in and lay face downward until he drowned.

WINTER SETS IN.

Coldest Weather of the Season
at Many Points.

From Two to Six Degrees Below
Zero in Nebraska.

BIG SNOW IN CHICAGO.

A Foot of the Beautiful Covers
Lincoln Streets.

Sioux City Reports a Tem-
perature of Two Below.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Heavy snow accompanied by lower temperature and a 35 mile wind swept over Chicago and the surrounding territory today, bringing death to three persons in this city before the noon hour and seriously hampering transportation. One man was found dead from cold and exposure and two men blinded by snow, were run over by trains.

The snowfall in this city was four inches and reports from outside points told of 15 inches with heavy drifts in railroad cuts.

St. Louis, Dec. 7.—A severe storm prevailed in this section today. It extended into southern Illinois and throughout southeastern Missouri. The temperature dropped 20 degrees.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 7.—Two degrees below zero was the reading at the weather bureau this morning. The coldest of the winter by eight degrees. Chicago, Dec. 7.—Chicago was visited today with the first real snow storm of the season. Several inches of snow fell and traffic was impeded.

The storm extends from southern Wisconsin into eastern Iowa and through the Ohio valley, covering Illinois and Indiana. Trains from the west and north were delayed from one to three hours. The wind attaining a velocity of 35 miles an hour added to the discomfort.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—Twelve inches of snow and a minimum temperature of six degrees below zero were reported this morning by the local weather bureau. Street car traffic is blocked and roads leading into the city are impassable.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 7.—It was two below here this morning, the coldest of the winter.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 7.—North-west Missouri is covered with snow and cold weather is causing suffering. Railroads are having difficulty in moving trains and telegraph and telephone wires are down at some places.

The Missouri river was blocked here today, caused by ice jams.

Denver, Dec. 7.—The entire state of Colorado is shivering under the cold blast of the southwest wind. For three days the highest mark in Denver has been five degrees above and last night for the second time in three days the thermometer was reached.

Bitterly cold weather is also reported from southern Wyoming, 12 below being recorded at Laramie last night. Cold Wave in Southwest.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 7.—The portion of the most severe cold wave of the season, with temperatures ranging from 10 degrees above zero at Oklahoma City, 4 degrees below at Concordia and Dodge City, Kansas.

Clear weather prevailed over all of Kansas, Oklahoma, southern Nebraska, northwest Missouri and the Texas Panhandle today following the heavy snowstorm of yesterday and last night, but with the cessation of the snowfall, temperatures are sharply.

Temperatures continued to fall today in southwest and central Missouri.

Railroad traffic, which yesterday and last night was demoralized, was much improved and southwest of Kansas City today, but train service south-east and east was still hampered.

The following temperatures were reported at 8 o'clock this morning: Kansas City, 3 above; Dodge City, 4 below; Amarillo, 6 above; Oklahoma City, 8 above zero.

BAD NIGHT ON THE LAKES.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 7.—The package freighter Muncy of the Anchor Line, which arrived here last night, had a thrilling trip from Houghton to Duluth. The Muncy, as she lies at the Omaha dock is a veritable iceberg.

We left Houghton about 5 o'clock Sunday evening. About 10 o'clock, a heavy southeaster with much snow struck us. It was the worst night I have spent on the lakes. The waves washed over the decks and the spray dashed 30 to 40 feet up the spars. The water froze as fast as it struck.

The water was washed away, the tank fastened to the forward deck tore away the pilot house bridge. About midnight the water entered the cabin windows. At times we believed the ship was sinking.

She Lay for Hours in Storm.

Danville, Ill., Dec. 7.—Lying in six inches of snow on the steps of a bank building and almost dead, a Hungarian woman and her 6-months-old child, were found at daybreak by a policeman.

Attached to the woman's dress was a tag consigning her to her husband, a coal miner at Westville, Ill. She, with her baby, arrived in the night from New York. She wandered about helplessly, the child clasped to her breast, until she sank exhausted and lay for hours in the storm.

Revived by warmth and food, the woman and her baby will be sent on to Westville.

HEALTH MEN COMING.

Will Be Here Tomorrow for a Two
Days' Conference.

Discussion of the methods of fighting tuberculosis will be the most important feature of the meeting of the health officials of Kansas who are here to attend a two days' conference beginning tomorrow. Prominent health officials of the state will talk of questions of public health and action looking to the winning of the scope of the fight on tuberculosis as well as the best methods for fighting diphtheria, typhoid fever and other diseases will

THE GAS RUNS LOW.

Manager Issued a Warning to
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Pressure Has Been Going Down
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tigate the Situation.

At 10 o'clock this morning L. G. Treleven, manager of the Consumers' Light, Heat & Power company in this city, issued a warning that there would be a shortage of the gas supply this afternoon and tonight. Efforts were being made all morning to secure more gas for Topeka but the pressure was going down steadily and there was no promise that the situation would be relieved by the supply of more gas.

Mr. Treleven felt the situation keenly, especially in view of the fact that, believing the assurances he has made that he would not expect any shortage of gas this winter, he has so declared. He will leave tonight for the gas fields and make a personal investigation of conditions there.

"You may rest assured," said he, "that as soon as I can learn anything I will let Topeka people know it. I am as much at a loss to know what to do as anyone. We have been told all along that there would be plenty of gas this winter. If the Kansas Natural Gas company would only furnish us the gas we could deliver it. They are supposed to furnish us the gas at the city limits. We can't give it out when we don't get it. I don't know who were wrong but the gas supply was not what you do."

"We are pinched for gas this afternoon and" will be tonight I believe. Something may happen to avert this but I do not expect it. The only reason I can give you for this is the pressure here is going down all the time. I am trying to get Kansas City to wire and get south from there and learn what is the matter."

"It is a thankless job. We operate here during the summer at the loss of \$100 per day. Then we get a spell of weather when we sell some gas, when the people would use it and the Kansas Natural people fail to supply us. Then we have to bear the brunt."

Mr. Treleven said this morning that there was a shortage of gas last night between 6 and 8 o'clock but that the pressure was normal early this morning. He said that he could not say whether the shortage was due to the matter early today because he was preparing to leave for the gas fields and ascertain true conditions for himself. He is commanding upon the shortage of gas this morning. Mr. Treleven denied the report that the gas company has more than reached the limits of consumers who can be supplied with gas. He said that the company is now at 50 per cent more meters could be installed and the people supplied with gas provided the gas was forthcoming. He declared the 12 inch main which brings gas from the Haskell reserve is not enough to carry gas for a 50 per cent increased consumption.

Why the gas is not to be had is the question the people want answered, and Mr. Treleven declares there is no one who wants to know this more than himself. It is for this purpose that he will make the trip south. It does seem rather strange for the gas company to go on making new connections when it can not supply the customers it has.

Last night there were many complaints of poor gas pressure. While the pressure may have been normal at its supply station it was not over the city. In the residence districts the gas burned feebly in lights and stoves until long ago Topeka had any gas at all. It became a little stronger but this morning there were more complaints of a short supply of gas. And these complaints were not in outlying districts but in the downtown residence section. At this time the cold was most severe.

At 1 o'clock today Mr. Treleven said: "We are beginning to feel the pinch. This will continue. I don't know just how bad it will be. We will not go out but we are going to be badly pinched for gas, and people living on the outskirts will be in need of gas. I am hoping for the best, but I know that we will be badly in need of gas in Topeka until, probably, late tonight."

When told that telephone messages reported plenty of gas at Lawrence and Ottawa, Mr. Treleven said these towns would have plenty of gas as long as Topeka had any gas at all. There will be no difficulty at either place, he declared until the gas had gone completely out here.

"We get only the surplus from these towns," he said. "As long as we get any we can rest assured that there is plenty of gas in Lawrence and Ottawa. Only when the supply here falls entirely can they be short of gas."

"Kansas City, St. Joseph or Atchison would be more likely to be short of gas than either Lawrence or Ottawa. They are 'dead end' towns the same as we are."

Mr. Treleven left at 1:35 o'clock for Kansas City, on his way to the Kansas gas fields.

HE HAD HOOKWORM.

But Arnold Dauber Is Now Able to Be
Down Town.

Examination made for the purpose of ascertaining positively whether or not Arnold Dauber, of 619 Lane street, had hookworm, as was announced some time ago, convinced the physicians that such was the case and the treatment which followed is proving efficient. Mr. Dauber is now out of bed, and was down town yesterday. His condition shows much improvement when compared with his state of health when he reached Topeka two weeks ago.

Dauber is the formerly of Topeka man who returned here about Thanksgiving and informed Dr. L. A. Ryder that he had hookworm. His was the first case of hookworm ever found here. His parents are well known in Topeka.